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Please deliver following message from President to
 Mayor Brandt at earliest appropriate opportunity ~~next~~ morning
 of October 24:

QUOTE I have Mr. Lightner's report of your comments to
 him after my address to the nation last night. It was reassuring
 to know of your support for the course of action we have found
 it necessary to take in the Cuban situation.

The ramifications of the Cuban problem go ~~beyond~~ beyond
 this hemisphere and the consequent developments will probably
 have major implications for Berlin. These are the hard facts
 it and I know you are fully aware of them. But ~~is~~ is for this
 very reason that your clear and unequivocal stand is gratifying.

Yours is the type of leadership the people of West Berlin
 need and will continue to need. And it is a great comfort to
 us that you ~~are~~ are the Governing Mayor of the city at this very
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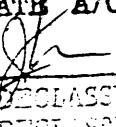
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critical juncture. I hope we will be able to remain in constant touch to assure that everything necessary is being done to strengthen the position of the free world.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy UNQUOTE.

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